

CURIOSITY IS LYING IN WAIT FOR EVERY SECRET—R.W. Emerson

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Financial concerns continue to dominate Newry's SAD #44 withdrawal discussion

By WENDY D. HANSOM

The Newry Committee exploring the implications of the town withdrawing from SAD #44, continues to focus its attention on the financial consequences of such a move—both to the town and to the school district.

Preliminary estimates are that Newry could save from \$74,000 to \$100,000 by withdrawing from the district and arranging for alternate ways to educate its children.

However, if Newry does withdraw,

the remaining SAD #44 towns (Andover, Bethel, Greenwood and Woodstock) would be forced to pay higher school taxes if they wished to maintain the level of services currently offered by the district. Those increased costs could run as high as \$400,000, according to a preliminary

report prepared by the town's consultants.

The Newry Education Committee recently reviewed the preliminary report by consultants David Brown and Dale Doughty, who were hired by the town to investigate other ways the town might educate its roughly 52 elementary and secondary students.

Townspole voted in September to establish a committee to investigate the 25-step withdrawal process.

Each SAD #44 town's school assessment is based on state property valuation figures. Newry pays 24.4 percent of the district budget, or \$729,000, and contributes about five percent of the student enrollment.

If Newry withdraws and the remaining towns opt not to accept Newry students back on

a tuition basis, consultants predict a \$400,000 shortfall to the district.

If, however, the district did accept Newry students on a tuition basis, the district would still face an estimated shortfall of about \$20,000 according to the consultants' estimates.

"Should Newry withdraw from SAD #44," the report stated, "the impact on the remaining towns is estimated at \$210,500, or a 9.5 percent (tax) increase. Should Newry withdraw and not tuition students to SAD #44 the school district would experience either a dramatic double-digit percentage increase in local tax dollars or a major decrease in expenditures."

Newry Education Committee Chairman Jim Sysko said "That spells out what the school board will be looking at when they decide whether or not to take our kids back."

The consultants' evaluation included options which would allow SAD #44 to maintain present services in the event of Newry's withdrawal:

- Accept tuition students from

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Meeting on nuke waste dump fails to ease local worries

Last week's informational meeting in Rumford, sponsored by the Maine Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority, seems to have done little to reassure local residents concerned that the area could become the site of a low-level nuclear waste dump.

Earlier in November, the MLLRWVA announced that 12 regions in Maine were "candidate regions" for the siting of such a facility. One of those regions includes parts of the towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, West Paris.

Last week's meeting in Rumford

was intended to provide concerned residents with more information on the process, but the eighty or so people who attended were clearly not impressed.

"The authority was trying to pull the wool over people's eyes, but people were better educated about the issue than the authority gave them credit for," said Rockie Graham of Newry.

Graham and others pointed to numerous discrepancies and contradictions in the MLLRWVA's presentation. For example, she said, the authority first claimed that

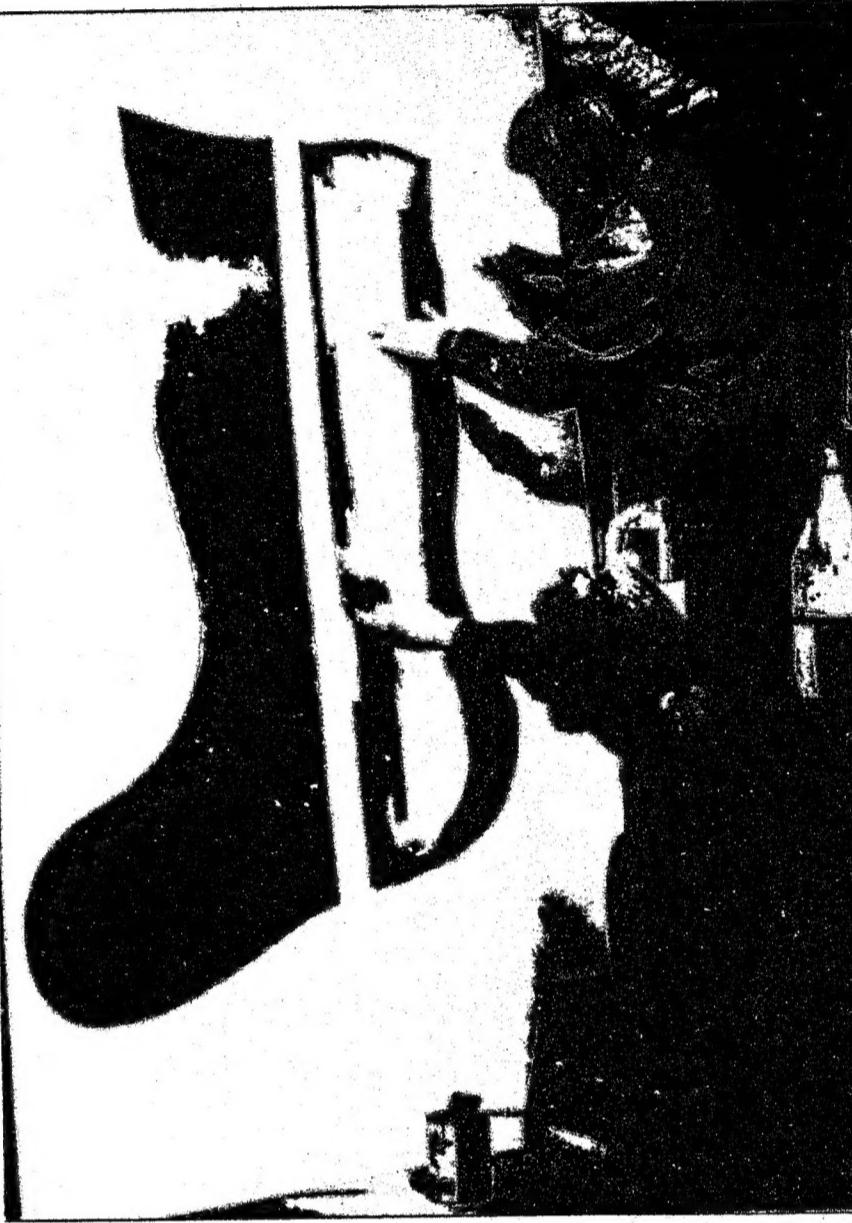
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B.P.A. appeal rejected

The proposed Bethel Park Apartments project cleared its final in-town hurdle last week, when the Bethel Board of Appeals ruled that the town planning board had been acting within its powers when it approved the proposed low-income development.

The appeals board rejected an appeal from Broad Street resident—and

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SANTA-GRADE THERMOMETER It's certified to measure community warmth—Jewel Clark and Don Katlin work on a thermometer that will measure the success of this year's Christmas for Children Campaign. Tough times are a very real problem for an increasing number of local families, and requests for children's toys have gone up sharply at the same time that contributions to the program have dropped off. Sponsors hope the next two weeks will see a big increase in donations—so that Christmas morning will see presents under every child's Christmas tree.

Economic woes threaten Christmas for Children fund Requests up, donations down

Though times have hit the Bethel area this year, and the Bethel Rotary has a much bigger wish list for toys for needy children. Unfortunately, the tough times have also resulted in a decrease in contributions to the annual fund.

The Bethel Rotary's Christmas for Children project hopes to raise \$5,000 this year. But the project has only raised about \$2,000 so far.

Project Chairman Dave Murphy estimates he will receive 130 requests for toys for children.

Murphy said "In light of current economic conditions the program is especially worthwhile; contributions compared to the last two years are down significantly, whereas requests

for assistance have gone up proportionately."

"There can be little doubt this year for a need of a program like this," said Murphy. "There's a lot of people out there who need help."

Murphy said his hopes contributions will pick up in the next two days.

A mass mailing will go out this week to area businesses and organizations asking for donations.

So that everyone can see how the Rotary's fund-raising effort is progressing, its progress will be tracked on a giant Christmas Stocking sign to be hung in downtown Bethel.

Anyone wishing to donate may mail the donation to Bethel Rotary, c/o Dave Murphy, R.F.D. 1, Box 176, Bethel, Me., 04217.

Andover must reply to MCI appeal

By BARBARA ADAMS

Andover selectmen last week were notified by a letter from Robert Miller, chairman of the State Board of Property Tax Review, that they must compose a written response to each of the allegations in a petition for appeal of their 1990 tax assessment filed by MCI International.

According to Miller, a panel has already been assigned to hear the case. At last week's meeting the selectmen decided to turn over the petition to Town Attorney Curtis Webster for completion on their behalf.

Fire Chief Ken Dixon, in his search for a used tanker, told the board of two on which he had information. One was a 1971 Ford C900 with a 2,000 gallon capacity for \$35,000. The other, not

described by Dixon, is in upper New York state, and he may investigate.

Dixon also told the board: "We have an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) class coming up with 11 new participants."

"He told the board that the cost would be \$250 for each one, and would be a high budget item."

Dixon also spoke of another money item. "Under a new law by OSHA," he said, "we must offer free immunization for Hepatitis B to municipal employees."

Dixon also asked the selectmen to consider putting in a town gasoline storage tank. Selectman Chair Fred Emerson replied the matter had been considered at one time, and said, "We

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Planners OK Sports Outlet signs

By DOROTHY DUDDY

The Bethel Planning Board voted Wednesday night, Nov. 28, to allow the Sports Outlet to erect two, 32-square-foot signs on one post.

The firm requested, through Land Tech engineer Billy Stowell, that it be allowed to place the signs outside the Sunday River Road shop.

The Town of Bethel has no standard regulations for signs and has been trying to organize a committee to formulate rules. The town's Site Plan Review Ordinance does include a section on signs which regulates their size, depending on the speed limit along the road they front.

Board member Reggie Brown said Wednesday night, "The weakest point of the Site Plan in Bethel is that which deals with the sign ordinance."

Chairman Dennis Doyon asked Stowell if the signs would be internally lit and Stowell said they would.

Camden asked the board for an advisory opinion on constructing an apartment for his family in the basement of a building on Route 6. Cloutier said he would like to have the place ready by ski season but could not complete it.

Cloutier draw up his own plan and present it along with other documentation. Because this would be a three-party dwelling, he would then fall under the subdivision ordinance.

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Bennett's Upholstery 20% OFF Christmas Sale Nov. 8 thru Dec. 8

Bean & Casserole Supper Sat., Dec. 8 5 & 6 P.M.

Bethel Methodist Church Adults \$4.50 Under 12, \$2.50

Love, Karen

Bethel selectmen vote to drop fire availability fee charged to Newry

Arguing that the Newry Fire Department is now roughly comparable to the Bethel department in men and equipment, the Bethel Board of Selectmen voted at their regular meeting Monday evening to stop charging the neighboring town an availability fee for having the Bethel Fire Department on call for emergencies there.

In fiscal year 1991 (which ends June 30, 1991), Bethel charged its neighbor an availability fee of \$13,000. But beginning July 1, 1991, Bethel will drop the fee entirely.

The fee had become a sore spot in relations between the two towns, largely because of the steep increases Bethel has put into effect over the past five years.

The fee for fiscal year 1987 had been only \$3,088, and as it rose subsequently Newry selectmen complained their town was being gouged. They continued to pay the fee, however, in order to keep the Bethel department on call.

And over the past three years, Newry has also allocated the money for and built up its own department, which Bethel Fire Chief Jim Young said is now on a par with Bethel's.

Selectman John Thurston said the Greenwood Fire Department is also on a par with the Bethel Department, and Bethel has established a precedent by not charging Greenwood an availability fee.

However, Arlan Jodrey, board chairman, objected that Bethel has items the other towns do not—for instance, a ladder truck and the Jaws of Life.

Bethel Fire Chief Jim Young, who attended the meeting, pointed out that the ladder truck is uncertified and is not capable of reaching the tallest structures in either Bethel or Newry.

And the Jaws of Life, he said, had been paid for in part by contributions from the neighboring towns.

Thurston argued that the differences

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W'stock appeals board says C.N. Brown shed must be taken down

By WENDY D. HANSOM

The Woodstock Board of Appeals ruled Wednesday night, Nov. 28, that a rebuilt shed on Lake Christopher must be torn down or moved within 30 days because it violates the town's shoreland zoning ordinance.

C.N. Brown Company of South Paris rebuilt and enlarged the shed, according to a report by the town's code enforcement officer, Bob Hand.

The planning board refused the after-the-fact building permit for the shed in September. They ruled that, based on citizen accounts and pictures of the shed supplied by company representative Charles Sheehan, the shed had been rebuilt, not repaired, as Sheehan had contended at the original planning board meeting on the matter. Shoreland zoning allows for maintenance of buildings in non-conforming usage, but they may not be substantially rebuilt.

The appeals board had met with Sheehan on Nov. 7, when he argued that the building was being maintained as allowed by law. The appeals board then requested that the CEO do an on-site inspection of the property.

The CEO's report stated that when Hand inspected the site on Nov. 26 he found the shed four feet from the high water mark, all new construction, and the building to have been enlarged from a 4-by-5-foot structure to a 6-by-8-foot building.

Sheehan did not appear before the appeals board. After a 20 minute waiting period Victor Young telephoned Sheehan and then reported back to the board that he would not appear.

According to Young, Sheehan asked that if the board ruled against C.N. Brown, the company be allowed to wait until spring to move the building.

The appeals board denied that the variance because the shed was new construction built without a permit, enlarged and not just maintained and too near the high water mark.

The board sent a letter to selectmen recommending that the shed be torn down or set back 75 feet from the high watermark within 30 days, or by Dec. 28.

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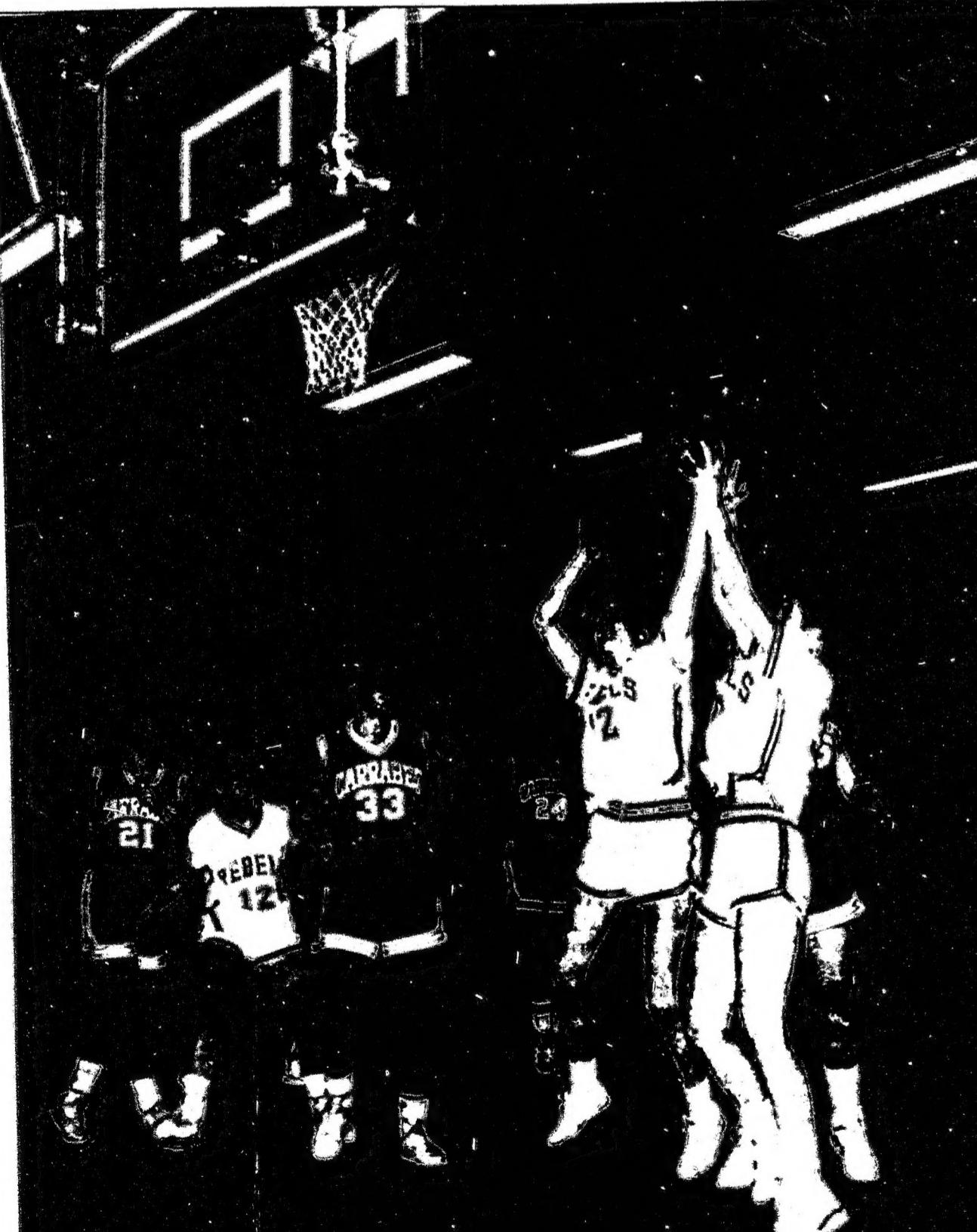
Telstar High School Fundraiser

Outward Bound Auction Sat., Dec. 8 10 A.M.

Telstar Cafeteria

Food, potential gifts

family items, 1979 station wagon, pool table, rowing machine



SANTA'S MAILBOX

Have you written your letter to Santa? During this holiday season, The Citizen will be publishing selected letters to Santa. Letters may be left in the mailbox just outside our door or mailed to The Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217.

Santa will be especially busy this year, so get your letters in early!

Happy Silver Anniversary Wayne & Anita Love, Karen

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School administrators say: 'me first'

SAD #44 taxpayers owe a vote of thanks to school directors Meriton Brown, Cheryl Eliot and Jane Rolfe of Bethel; Nancy Dewing, Ray Harrington and Malinda Seames of Greenwood; Debra Poland of Woodstock and Rex Thurston of Andover—who have put the brakes, if only temporarily, on the school district's ceaseless cycle of automatic salary and benefit increases.

These directors last week voted against and defeated a package of new contracts and salary increases for 11 district administrators, including school principals, specialists, adult education staff and other supervisory positions (not including the superintendent of schools).

The package had been approved by the board's negotiation's committee (John Brown of Bethel, Margaret Hand of Woodstock and Alison Aloisio of Newry) and presented Monday evening for full board approval.

But the board balked. After a two-hour secret session the directors voted—narrowly and without public comment—to turn the package down. (It will, however, be taken up again, either at the board's regular meeting Monday or at a special meeting the following week.)

Negotiators for the district and the administrators have refused to reveal the terms of the proposed package, but it appears that the contracts are for two years and involve salary and benefit increases that were significantly large enough to cause some directors to vote against the entire package.

Superintendent Dewaine Craig initially told The Citizen that the largest increases were "only 5 or 6 percent"—just enough, he said, to cover "the cost of living." However, Craig later refused to confirm those figures, arguing that the contracts were still in the negotiations stage. And at least one board member has indicated that the total increases are greater than the figures quoted by Craig.

But whatever the size of the proposed pay raises, the package of contracts presented to the board this year marks a significant departure from past administrative salary negotiations. The administrators, Craig said, have now decided to act together as a single "bargaining unit" when dealing with the school board.

Craig claims the change is an attempt by the administrators to simplify the negotiations process, but the timing of the move suggests that a quite different motive lurks behind the proposal:

In past years, when the economy was booming, the same administrators were quite happy to approach their negotiations as individuals—and to walk away with salary and benefit increases that sometimes ran to more than 20 percent a year. (And in the case of the school principals, the most highly paid administrators in the group, those healthy increases came despite the fact that their actual responsibilities were being lightened—by the creation of new principal or teaching-principal positions at the middle school and the Andover and Ethel Bisbee elementary schools.)

The increases continued—and compounded—year after year, but now, with the icy wind of recession at their backs, the administrators have suddenly discovered solidarity. Knowing that the district and state economies are deteriorating, and that SAD #44 faces the additional prospect of losing nearly a quarter of its tax base if Newry withdraws, the administrators have switched tactics and are attempting to use their strength in numbers to lock in salary increases for the next two years—just about the period of time most experts expect the current economic downturn to last.

From the point of view of pure self interest, the move certainly makes sense for the administrators, but interestingly, it may also serve a useful purpose for the district—if only because it shakes up the cozy routine of SAD #44 salary negotiations. The school board would now do well to take the administrators' lead and introduce some long-overdue changes of its own.

For example, in the past salaries for administrators, teachers and other school employees have been negotiated early in the school year. The contracts were signed, the deals done, long before it came time to think seriously about the next year's budget—out of which the money to pay those contracts had to come.

And since salaries and benefits make up over 70 percent of the total budget (and most of the remaining 30 percent is tied up in fixed-cost items) this has meant that come budget-building time there was very little chance of finding money for new books, new teaching positions, new programs. Except by raising the budget, and this the district has repeatedly done:

But perhaps the time has come to stop putting these automatic salary increases ahead of other, more pressing, district needs. Once upon a time, when teachers and administrators were in fact underpaid, it probably made sense to shield them from economic downturns, and to try to guarantee them some kind of annual raise.

But that once-upon-a-time is long gone. Maine teachers now earn nearly \$10,000 a year more than the workers who pay their salaries, and administrators do still better. Neither group is underpaid.

The current contract for SAD #44 teachers runs through 1992, so their next pay raises are already guaranteed and won't be on the table during this year's budget process. (And that sacred cow may safely graze for another season.)

And the administrators' current contracts run through the end of the 1990-91 school year. That being the case, why rush to sign new contracts? Why lock in yet another round of pay raises before the board has had a chance to look at the total budget picture for next year. Why not let the administrators wait until the spring, then put their pay-raise rationale on the table along with the calls for new books, new teachers and programs?

If they can make their case, they will no doubt get their raises. If not, it's "freeze" a dirty word?

Either way, the school board, by factoring in pay increases with all the district's other needs, would have taken a first step toward reforming a salary process that many taxpayers have come to regard as a runaway entitlement program, ratcheting ever upward, with regard neither for the productivity of those who cash the checks, nor for the economic realities faced by those who must foot the bills. —MRD

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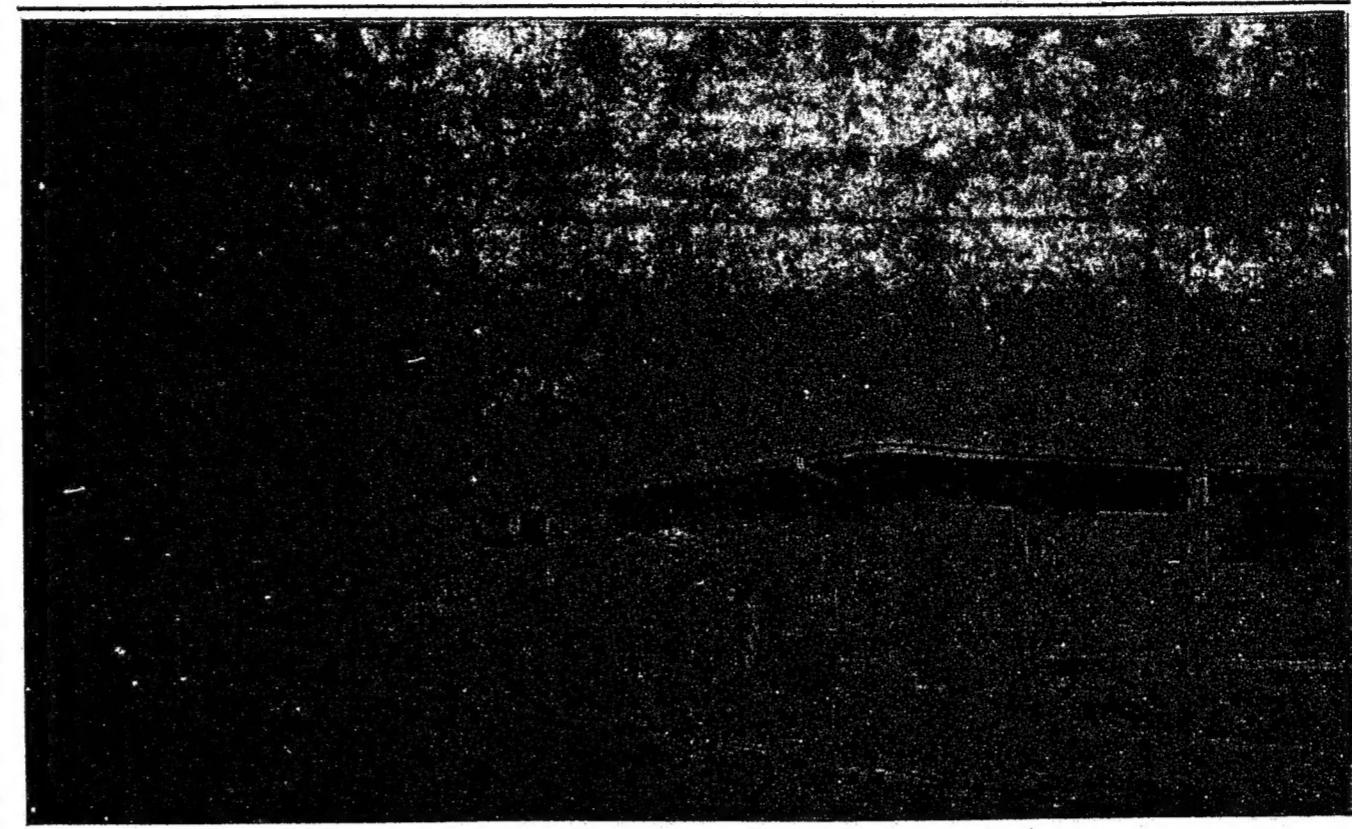
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Opinions



FROM THE MISTS OF THE PAST: THE REAL GILEAD TRAIN STATION—As many readers have kindly pointed out, the building in last week's front page photo was not the actual Gilead train station, but a small outbuilding—shown here to the rear of the real station. The station building itself was torn down over 30 years ago. (Photo courtesy of the Bethel Historical Society)

Letters to the editor

BETHEL NEEDS SIGN COMMITTEE

To the Editor:

The town of Bethel advertised for volunteers to serve on the Sign Ordinance Committee in August, but only three people have expressed interest. Considering the large amount of concern generated by sign issues in the last year, it's too bad that a full committee of five couldn't be formed in four months' time.

A sound sign policy in Bethel will make for an attractive, lucrative business district and an atmosphere that is pleasing for residents to live in. Help is needed—this is an area where a small amount of time invested can have a large impact.

Kirk Siegel
Bethel

MAHOOSUC PROGRAM CHANGE

To the Editor:

This is a reminder to Citizen readers who may have missed previous articles about the updated Mahoosuc Arts fall schedule. There will not be a Christmas dance on Dec. 22. However, we hope community members will celebrate the Christmas season by joining in the Messiah Sing directed by Jonathan Smith this Sunday, Dec. 9, at the West Parish Congregational Church at 4 p.m.

Marguerite Graham
for the Mahoosuc Arts Council

FINDS 'BARGAINING UNIT' FUNNY

To the Editor:

In reference to the article, "School Directors six administrators proposed pay hikes," Bethel Citizen, Nov. 28.

I am amused by the so called

"bargaining unit" on behalf of the top 11 administrators. It sounds to me as if they would like to get their's while the getting's good, how presumptuous they are. All of us are aware that educational systems are self-perpetuating; however, when administrators start acting like, and maybe even believing that they are self-perpetuating, we are indeed in serious trouble.

Don't they realize that there are some very serious economic problems from one end of the country to the other? Maine is not immune, as a matter of fact, the local decline in employment and increases in lay-offs indicate that this area is extremely vulnerable. Unfortunately, we all can't work for the district. Historically, Maine people have sacrificed good roads amongst other things for education, our roads aren't the greatest and statistically neither are our students.

The stage is set, the bargains are being lurking in the wings. If you don't believe that, do some shopping for tradesmen. There are some good ones out there at very reasonable reduced prices. They are survivors.

I cannot imagine why any board member would even consider budget action until Newry has resolved its dilemma. They have reasonable complaint, it will be interesting to read about their "spending" studies. Before they are finished all of us may be taking our local school education costs (out of pocket, real estate, taxes), adding to that figure, state subsidy money (same pocket, different hand) and dividing by the number of students. Eventually, someone will ask, "Where does all the money go?" It is not unusual to find that up to 70

percent of the cost is for administration, not education.

Educational systems are declining in popularity. The "theories" simply have not worked. Progressives, regardless of how "lovely" they sound, have ruined a good educational system. We have "progressed" from a very low illiteracy rate in the 1950s, to a rate that the chairman of the Maine State School Board of Education "is not proud of." Supporters of the consolidated school system promised better educated students at a substantial savings. We have been short changed.

I had hoped that there would never be the possibility of a threat that our future leaders might have to be imported from a better educated foreign market.

On a final note, when the meeting of the school directors and the administrators is held, I hope that the board will not be intimidated by the show of hands, but instead find some humor in the pompous act. The speaking at board meeting policy should be enforced. The administrators should be allocated a time slot, after which they should be shuttled off into the "Quaker Meeting Section" as are citizens. The unwritten policy which is clowned from "special papal dispensation" should also be allowed.

This is a special time, a rare occasion when employees are allowed "bargaining leverage" with the trustees of a multimillion dollar business. It is an "either/or" situation, a time for those who represent the taxpayers to decide whether or not we are getting the bargain for our invested dollars, a time for survivors.

George Hooper

Bryant Pond

Impact of any growth and development that takes place in the Bethel Town Office

For this week's column I would like to reflect upon my past five years and nine months as Bethel's town manager.

Since taking over as town manager on March 4, 1985, the town has undergone a great deal of change. The selectmen, townspeople and taxpayers have successfully addressed several crisis issues as well as a number of long-standing problems that had been previously ignored or avoided with hope that they would eventually go away. In addition the town has been put on a sounder financial footing despite the dramatic and burdensome increases in the school tax and in the county tax.

Probably the most important crisis issue that the town had to face during the last five to six years was the growth and development that took place between 1986-88 and which was caused by the expansion of the area ski industry, the popularity of Bethel as a second home and the general boom in the Maine economy.

However with the adoption of new comprehensive plan and a Site Plan Review Ordinance, a strengthened planning board, and improved planning, code enforcement and professional engineering support services were able to gain control over the direction and the

\$348,500 in Farmers Home Adminstration grants to help finance the sewage plant upgrade work and sewer line replacement work and a \$79,960 Community Development Block Grant for storm drain, water main and street and road reconstruction work in the village area. Also, we received a \$16,000 CDBG planning grant for the engineering design work. Together Bethel has raised \$1,279,434 in new non-property tax revenues since 1985. This income has reduced the rate and amount of rising property taxes, sewer bills and water rates.

Although a lot has been accomplished, much remains to be done. These include a longer term solution to our solid waste disposal problem after the landfill is closed on January 1, 1992, construction of hangars and tie downs at the airport, finding more tenants for the industrial park, joint cooperation with neighboring towns on solid waste disposal and fire protection, Phase II upgrade of the sewage plant and the replacement of the sewer lines and storm drains in the remainder of the village area, upgrade and reconstruction of many of our streets and roads, continuing the town's vehicle and equipment replacement program and increased training for police, fire and ambulance department personnel in order to meet state-mandated requirements.

Since all of this is going to cost a lot of money, the real challenge is going to be how to pay for it. Part of this challenge will be met through Bethel's "innovative and creative management style."

Recently the town received several complaints from the public about the damage done to the Swan Hill Road by a logging operation taking place in the area. Public Works Foreman Robert Pilgrim immediately followed up on these complaints. As a result the town has received both verbal and written assurances and pledges that the road will be restored to its original condition. However, Bob will make continuous inspections of the road to ensure that the repair work is performed to our satisfaction.

Rodney Lynch

Town Manager

THIS WEEK AT THE Moses Mason House

All members and friends of the Bethel Historical Society are reminded that the annual Christmas with the Masons will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Dr. Moses Mason House, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Old time Christmas music, decorations and refreshments will be featured. At 7:30 the regular business meeting will be held in the meeting room followed by a review of the past year's activities and slides of some of the old photographs added to the collection in 1990. Anyone wishing to attend is cordially invited to do so.

The 1991 Bethel Historical Society calendar is now available and can be picked up at the Dr. Moses Mason House during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or at Prin's Pharmacy.

Ruth Crosby's celebrated books, "I was a Summer Boarder" and "From an Old Leather Trunk" are now available again in limited supply through the generosity of Donald and Katherine Bennett, who acquired the publisher's entire stock and donated them to the Bethel Historical Society. Anyone wishing to acquire copies should visit the Dr. Moses Mason House during regular hours.

Among the newest members of the Bethel Historical Society are Richard and Regina Thek of Seaford, Del.

Contributions to the 1990 Bethel Historical Society Endowment Campaign continue to flow in. Among the latest contributors are Alden and Mabel Kennett, Bethel; Earlon and Mary Keniston, Bethel; Dr. Robert and Jan York, Orrs Island; Mary L. Cole, Bethel; Paula M. Wight, Cumberland; Colwyn and Judy Haskell, Bethel. Much appreciation is expressed to all of the above for their generous support.

LOOKING BACK

10 years ago: Heavy winds caused many trees to be blown down in the Bethel area. SAD #44 schools were cancelled due to lack of power and travel conditions. A rate increase was being proposed by the Bethel Water District.

Marriage: Ivan L. Roberts and Carol Ann Johnson.

Death: Grace E. Merrill.

20 years ago: The mobile home of Howard Chapman and family at Chapman Hill, Northwest Bethel, was badly damaged by fire. A group of Green Berets landed on the Gould Academy athletic field. Telstar lost to Fryeburg Academy in basketball, 58-45, at a basketball game in Dixfield.

Death: Estella Smith.

30 years ago: Loss estimated at \$2,000 was reported due to fire in a building owned by Paul Head near West Bethel. Damage was confined to the kitchen where the blaze started near a stove. The home of Amadee Fislette in Gilead was destroyed with most of the furnishings as well.

Births: Keller Ruth Remington, Chris Matthew Bennoch.

Marriages: Bradley M. Benson and Anne C. Brown; Roland Brown and Nancy Davis; Richard T. Hutchins and Marjorie Cox.

Deaths: Lillian Vail, Ernest M. Skinner, Guy E. Rowe Sr.

40 years ago: A strong wind and heavy rainstorm resulted in some flooding in the Bethel area, but little damage. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bennett celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. A Piper Cub airplane belonging to Loring Swain of East Andover, missing since June when it took off without a pilot, was found by Game Warden Leon Wilson near the top of Puzzel Mountain in Newry.

Marriages: Wade H. Thurston and Bertha M. Smith; James H. Blanchard and Constance E. Coolidge; Marvin Buck and Irene Pingree.

Deaths: Nathan A. Bartlett, Kenneth Wight.

50 years ago: Hazel Wardwell of Albion was elected Lecturer of Oxford Pomona Grange, the first woman to hold the post in that Grange's history. The first snowfall of the season brought six or more inches to the Bethel area. Edmund C. Smith of Bethel, representing the Oxford County Conservation Committee, was one of several Maine farmers, conservation officers and others, who attended the agricultural conservations conference in New York City. Bethel Grange #56 held a meeting at which it was voted to surrender its charter effective, Jan. 1, 1941.

Birth: John Roland Hatfield.

Marriage: Roy LeMont Conant and Belle Brenda Chase.

Death: William Williamson.

County Republicans to meet in South Paris

The Oxford County Republican Committee will hold its last meeting of 1991 at the Fire Hall in South Paris, Tuesday evening, Dec. 11.

Members of the public are urged to attend as committee guests, to learn more about the work of the committee and learn about issues facing our state. More information is available through the county chairman, Tom Winsor, at 527-2233.

At the December meeting, plans for events in 1991 will be discussed and nominations for new officers will be made.

The evening will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m., potluck supper at 7 p.m., with the meeting immediately following. All members and guests are urged to bring a dish to contribute towards the dinner.

Andover

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found it easier at that time to buy it instead of store it."

"I have also been looking around for a fire station location in East Andover," Dixon said. "It's going to have to happen sometime. I'd like two bays, one for a pumper and one for a tanker. It's not going to happen overnight."

The selectmen added a new Budget Committee item to the agenda after a request from Debby Cayer that more chairs be provided at the Town Hall for events. Right now the town has 180 chairs.

It is time for renewal of a maintenance contract for the town office's Konica Copier, but town administrative assistant Rebecca Schachter will contact Cider and Roberts to verify what the contract would cover. In the past three years since the copier was installed, 50,324 copies have been made. The company charges the town one cent for every copy over 12,000.

Selectmen Emerson said he doubted the service contract had much value because of the list of exclusions. The company charges \$90 per hour without a service contract for a service visit, plus the cost of all parts. The cost for a contract for 12,000 copies used a year is \$914; and for 18,000 copies used a year is \$995.

"We need more specifics on the contract as to what is actually covered before we decide," Emerson said.

Town Assessor Sandy Hebert will be asked by the selectmen to calculate discrepancies in the assessments of various P.H. Chadbourne properties at the company's request. She has also submitted a bid for maintenance of the town renovation for the coming year.

Road Commissioner Wilbur Chenevry with the selectmen's approval will have Steve Swasey scrape the lumpy part of South Arm Road this week if the weather permits.

The next Budget Committee meeting is Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Town Office.

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BPA appeal

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project abutter—Tom Ford, who contended that the planning board had left several important questions unanswered when it approved the project.

Ford also raised objections to the procedures used by the board in reviewing the project.

However, appeals board members

Kenneth Rammage, Robert Crane and Shirley Gilbert voted unanimously to reject the appeal, arguing that Ford had failed to provide any substantive legal grounds for overruling the project's approval.

A spokesman for the developer, Gleichen & Co., said that construction is expected to begin in the spring.

Dump fears

Waste generators would pay for the proposed low-level dump, but later acknowledged that in the long run taxpayers would be forced to pay much of the cost.

Greenwood First Selectman Marie Bartlett agreed. "They couldn't even tell us who was paying for their road show," she said.

Most of the people at the meeting strongly favored keeping the waste at the Maine Yankee Power Plant site in Wiscasset, where 90 percent of it is generated.

In the event the waste does not end up staying at Wiscasset (or being shipped out of state), the authority plans to construct a four-acre concrete building to house it, said authority spokesman John Williams. The building would be surrounded by 200 acres of land as a buffer and would be located on soils selected for their ability to filter out radioactive material—since the waste would remain hazardous for more than 500,000 years, far longer than the building housing it would last.

"They said the building would be monitored 24-hours a day," Bartlett said.

Polak and just about everyone else who has followed the siting process agree there is a very small chance of any organized town going so—despite the financial incentives offered by the authority.

But, he suggested, there is nothing to prevent the authority from targeting an unpopulated or very sparsely populated town and then moving in enough new voters to approve a dump plan.

MLLRWA spokesman Williams claimed that a town would have to wait until a siting proposal is made before taking such a vote.

But state senator-elect from

District 8, Jeff Mills, said towns should go ahead and vote on the matter as soon as possible. "I think it would be a wise idea to have the vote and go on record right now," he said.

The next step in the siting process is scheduled for April of 1991, when the MLLRWA is to narrow the sites being considered to 10 smaller (2-6 square mile) "preferred candidate areas" within the original 12 regions.

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Withdrawal

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Newry and increase local dollars spent on the school system by about 9.5 percent.

• Continue to maintain the present school services while excluding Newry for construction of an elementary school, its operation costs, administrative and teaching staff salaries and benefits, and tuitioning of high school students to Mountain Valley High, SAD #43, or Gould Academy.

• Reduce staff at the elementary level while continuing to function within state approved pupil-teacher ratios, which would realize a savings of about \$20,000. In this case SAD #44 would still need to raise an additional \$116,000 (approximately five percent)

Thursday night, "very roughly it looks like it will cost us \$545,000 to \$645,000 to educate our kids." The rough figures include the costs Newry would incur for construction of an elementary school, its operation costs, administrative and teaching staff salaries and benefits, and tuitioning of high school students to Mountain Valley High, SAD #43, or Gould Academy.

The committee has received notification from SAD #43 that it would accept Newry students on a tuition basis. Gould Academy has also informed the committee that it would not place a limit on the number of students from Newry tuitioned to the school at the secondary level.

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Report lists potential special services to include music, guidance, remedial reading, remedial math, speech and hearing, librarian, art, nurse and physical therapy.

Thursday night the committee drafted a letter to SAD #44 Superintendent Dewaine Craig asking him to have the school board set up a committee to negotiate with Newry in regard to what the town could take it as real property asset should Newry withdraw.

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Wednesday, December 5, 1990

At Andover...

Elderwood Manor Items

by Florence Hall
Bus riders to Rumford on Wednesday were Gertrude Hutchins, Elizabeth Sennett and Mary Thurston.

Judy Hall of Roxbury took Florence Hall shopping in Rumford on Wednesday.

Janice Roy of Rumford visited aunt Gertrude Hutchins recently.

Alfred Marston of South Portland visited aunt Florence Hall on Sunday.

Louise Powell of Hale visited her mother Alma Hewey.

Anne Fox and Mary Thurston had lunch at the C.E.B. on Tuesday.

Flora Whitten has another great-grandchild. Parents are Ricky and Carolyn Mills.

Thought for the day: It is important for our leaders to know what we stand for, but it is more important for them to know what we won't stand for.

Calvary Congregational Church

Last week for three evenings we were privileged to have Harold Duff, Bible teacher and evangelist, as our teacher. He has been teaching the Scripture for over 44 years, throughout the United States and Canada. His message: "One must have Authority in Life." Math. 7:28-29; "Precepts in Life, Discipline in Life, Values in Life." Scripture was used to bear out these truths. God delegates authority to government, employers, the church, the family. Our old nature must serve the new by choices we make. II Cor. 4:17 and Rev. 5:12.

The choir sang "God Leads Us along."

Marge Stinson and Christian Education Committee are planning the

Christmas program.

Soit and the Young Group are meeting each Sunday at 6 p.m. at the church.

Gifts and Christmas cards should be sent now to missionaries so they'll receive them for the holidays.

So. Woodstock

By OLIVE R. DAVIS

Thanksgiving day brought many families together. The Davis family of 18 held a dinner at the Universalist Church dining headquarters with Edith Deegan, Patsy Tibbets and Esther Davis at the helm, who cooked the dinner right there. A very sociable time was enjoyed. Several brought photo albums and pictures of by-gone days which everyone enjoyed looking at before the dinner was served.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Deegan and daughter Michelle, Jacqueline Tibbets, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Redman, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Deegan, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson and son Ryan, Jerry Shorey, Ethel Davis, Edith Deegan, Erland Twitchell, Fern Sawtell, Christine Lefebvre and Olive Davis, Esther Davis and Patsy Tibbets.

Jerry Shorey had charge of the program. She read a poem she wrote for the occasion, and called on anyone for remarks which was well responded to by the group. Edith Deegan read a paper on Esther Davis telling of her fortitude, kindness and help to all without any regard for herself. She always has a kind word for all and is always trying to help. It was after dark when the party broke up.

Mr. and Mrs. James Miclon entertained his family at their Thanksgiving dinner, Thursday noon. They were his mother, father, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miclon, Pat Miclon, Maureen Dillon and Kathy, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Miclon. While having a party the brother, Danny Miclon of California called home to wish them all a happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mason entertained 21 relatives and friends at Thanksgiving at their home Thursday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mason, their children and their families, Etta Gibson from Barry, VT and Dot Davis. Sunday another get-

Nadeau, Shelden, Cathy and two boys, Caesar and Sanden Morgan, Kelly and two girls, Michelle and Alicia Ducas, Kenny, Elaine Roger, Randy, Kendy and Kenny, Sue Wilday with friend Dernal Stong, Myrtle Thurlow, Leslie, Kana and Kana Thurlow, Gilman, Kim and Gilman Jr., Tuell, Laura Heikkilainen, Gilda Hill, Bob and Polly Bean, Douglas Namo, Bobby Bean, Brian, Katherine Bean and Lance and friend, Jennifer Allen with a friend Marc Lablond and Brando. This is the largest gathering so far.

Jim Miclon shot a deer the last day of hunting season. Jeffery Campbell also got his deer. Roger Benson was another lucky hunter. Jeff Mason also shot one.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brooks, Olive Davis and Bertha Benoit attended the 70th anniversary party tendered Mr. and Mrs. Alanson Cummings. There was a large group of friends in attendance wishing them well and many pictures were taken. An orchestra played most of the time which was very good.

Mr. and Mrs. James Miclon entered their Thanksgiving dinner with Clark and Neda Bartlett, Reginald and Dorothy had dinner with Lillian Bartlett at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Lillian Bartlett came home Friday, Nov. 23, after hip replacement surgery. She is getting around very well.

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THE OXFORD COUNTY CITIZEN, BETHEL, MAINE

Songo Pond

By ALICE KIMBALL

Relatives and friends of Mrs. Christine Kimball filled the Albany Church Saturday afternoon. Many tributes were tendered in her memory at the memorial service conducted by Rev. Norman Rust.

Mrs. Elmira Doyen was hostess for a family Thanksgiving Sunday. Her guests were Hugh and Majorie Awalt of Augusta, Connie Hindman and Mark, Lee and Barbara and two children of Windsor, John Hindman and friend from Portland, Miss Mary Wheeler, and Steve Wheeler.

I went to Otisfield Sunday afternoon and Ethel drove me to Portland Monday for my medical check-up.

Electric power was off here again for two hours early Monday morning. Temperatures here Wednesday rose to 60 degrees.

Jack Parsons entered St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston Friday.

"Character is much easier kept than recovered." —Thomas Paine.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday, Dec. 8, for a 6 p.m. potluck supper, meeting and exchange of gifts at 7 p.m. A door prize will be given at the meeting.

The Woodstock Senior Citizens will meet on Dec. 6 at Ledgeview Memorial for a dinner meeting and exchange of gifts at 7 p.m. A door prize will be given at the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard MacKillop entertained a Thanksgiving family dinner at the Grange Hall with 25 family members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hathaway had 23 at their family Thanksgiving

dinner.

Mrs. Ruth Dunham had Thanksgiving with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Erland Scribner.

Helen Ring went to Danbury, N.H., to her daughter and family for Thanksgiving; she returned home on Sunday.

Marion Langway had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Linell of South Paris.

Evelyn Farnum was at the home of her daughter Carol Ann Campbell and children on Sunday for a family Thanksgiving.

Daughters of Union Veterans will meet on Monday, Dec. 10, for a regular meeting and Christmas party. Bring your gifts for Tugus and a tasting party will be held. Election of officers, also.

Several Senior Citizens have remarked what a delicious Thanksgiving meal at Telstar they had on Sunday, Nov. 18. A big thank you to the weather.

The Historical Society has a few children on holidays. Kathleen Bean and Mary Billings hope to have more T-shirts for the Society soon, so consider ordering for Christmas.

Bethel

By VIRGINIA WALKER

The Eleanor Gordon Guild had their November meeting at the home of Debbie Adams. Ruth Silver helped several to sew sequins on a Christmas tree skirt and another group made popcorn balls for the church sale. The next meeting is at Barbara Mahler's home Monday night, Dec. 10. This will be a 6:30 potluck supper and Christmas tree. Secret sisters names will be revealed on the gifts and the red stockings of pennies will be collected.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blake Jr. will be having a Thanksgiving day with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Blake and sons in Ellsworth.

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Norma Collingwood and her sister Avis Beardsey flew to Boguselas, La., during the last part of October to visit their brother Dana and Beulah Inman and family. They went to New Orleans from there, visiting the zoo and aquarium.

Several people are having a 24-hour illness, including yours truly. For some of us the time stretched out a bit.

Wednesday we enjoyed a day with record high shirt-sleeve weather.

The Edwards have their home beautifully decorated for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Fontaine of Saco and Jeannie Bernier of New Hampshire were recent guests of the Ray Berners and called on the Roland Berners.

Vance and Connie Bacon had as Thanksgiving dinner guests their daughter Kathy and family, Bob, Emily, Marc and Timothy Bessette of Fairfax, Vt., and Kent and Christina Bacon and Bonnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Proctor and Ivan Jr. had the following dinner guests on Thanksgiving evening: Donna, Owen and Dennis Melville; Donita Murch, Michelle and Jim; Dorene, Ray, Ben, Jason and Elizabeth Merrill; Shelley Birney and Phil; and Beryl Bonney.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dougherty entertained on Thanksgiving Cheryl, Drew, Kirby and Caroline Sholl; Nancy, Pele and Kathleen Robertson; and Ginger, Paul and Joshua Dunham. They also celebrated Caroline's fourth birthday.

The Sholls returned to New Jersey on Sunday.

Thanksgiving dinner guests with

the West Paris Historical Society met on Monday evening, Nov. 19, for a potluck supper preceding the meeting with 14 members and two guests present. It was voted not to have a meeting in December. In January it is planned to have an oyster stew supper. And Mione Record will be planning the program. There are 1991 calendars on sale with pictures of West Paris people and places featured every month. They make excellent keepsakes, Christmas or any occasion gifts and may be obtained by contact-

tting Historical Society members or at the West Paris Hardware. After the meeting Richard Onofrio entertained by showing slides and talking about his hiking the Appalachian Trail. The slides were beautiful and all in all, it was very interesting and enjoyable.

Vince and Beverly Stevens entered on Saturday the following guests: David, Cindy and Tina Stevens; John, Linda and Terry Stevens; Ben and Marilyn Stevens; Narvie Stevens; and Dorothy Stevens.

Christmas for Kids project, Jim and Kathy Burke have volunteered to do the outside decorating and Eleanor Inman will decorate the inside of the church. Albert Penley Sr. will again decorate the tree and Miss Eleanor, Vernon and Miriam Inman and Eleanor Ross will be in charge of trimming.

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Beverly Stevens and Joyce Lamb will make the supper plans. The next meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 10,

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It will be a Christmas party with exchange of gifts. Lempi Cyr and Miriam Inman are in charge of refreshments.

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Gathering will meet at 1 p.m. with Olga Gellatly on Tuesday, Dec. 11. There

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Grange Hall is Christmas for Kids

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Spencer did a very good job. Now I

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vatcher and

Robert Ilsley have been to Nova-

Scotia.

Mrs. Florence Ilsley, 103, was taken

by Tri-Town to Stephens Memorial

Hospital. She is resting comfortably.

Mrs. Evelyn Chamberlain and

Karen spent Thanksgiving with Mr.

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Cora Airpurn, a student at Went-

worth College, and three of his friends

from various Boston area colleges on

their way to Quebec over the holiday

stopped to visit Ray, Janice and

Patrick Harrington. Carlos, an ex-

change student from Spain, lived with

the Harringtons while he attended

Telstar for a year.

Cora and T. Alfred Johnson of Nor-

way and Pam and Tim Devoe, Adam,

Brookes and David of Berlin, N.H.

were Thanksgiving dinner guests of

the Harringtons. Robbie called from

Georgia and Tom called from

Germany.

Earl's step-mother, Esther Colby, of

Dover, N.H. and her cousin Ida of

Fryeburg visited Carl, Brian and me,

Saturday, Nov. 24.

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Greenwood City

By COLISTA MORGAN

There is a chill in the air at Driftwind, my home, on the banks of Hicks Pond. As the shadows lengthen and the sun slowly slips behind the mountains, the leafless maple out front take on a more somber look.

With each brisk breeze, the leaves have lost their hold on the weathered branches and zigzagged gaily to the ground below. There they have skipped lightly, swinging and swirling like tiny fairies dancing to the music of the wind; and there has been plenty.

Suddenly they would stop, as though out of breath, but they hardly had time before another breeze lifted them high into the air. There they dipped and soared on invisible wings. They were carried to the woods and to other destinations, where they now wait for their white blanket, which may arrive at any moment; maybe before this goes to press.

The robin has gone but left his nest in my tree. My mind wanders to other birds that stay with us all winter. These are the bluejays, the downy and hairy woodpeckers, the white and rose-breasted nuthatches, and of course the friendly chickadees. I often wish for the cardinal, but as yet I have seen none.

Sometimes I get a little sad, as I contemplate the long period of Nature's apparent dormancy. But like humans, she seems to require period for restoring energy. As I have observed other seasons, surely where each burnished leaf, which lost its hold on a branch this autumn; another bud will burst forth, come spring. Nature with all its splendor will appear again in a fresh green gown.

So, with memories, I quietly watch the curtain of night draw down over

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank my family, friends and relatives who remembered me with flowers, cards, food, phone calls and visits during my stay at the hospital and since my return home.

I would also like to thank the Bethel Ambulance, Dr. Ware, Dr. Andalkar and the staff at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Jan Whitworth, Dr. Donnelly and the staff at the Bethel Area Health Center. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Frances G. Bennett
Mt. View Circle
West Bethel

Driftwind, my peaceful home among the trees.

This is Wednesday evening. What a glorious day it has been and more glory tonight with the sky bright with stars. But soon the earth will put on her emme wrap and we'll see sparkling diamonds in her lap.

The families of Rena Curtis met for Thanksgiving at her home on Hayes Hill on Sunday. There were 45 present, including two friends, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Whitemore of Oxford.

At the Holts it was a very quiet day, just Leonas, Fay and I were there. We missed the family.

I had two surprises Sunday this week: the first was a call by a sheriff with a subpoena for me to go to court as a witness in the case of breaking into my house a year ago. The other was a nice letter from a pupil I had in school back in 1926. Her letter made my day and brought many memories and even a tear. And I forgot to mention that the sheriff who came to see me was the husband of another of my pupils of 20 years ago, whom I had never met.

Dot Betts was in Portsmouth on Monday.

Max Pulsifer has been a patient at the Norway hospital.

Milton Imman of West Paris called for a visit with John and Dot Betts recently.

Christopher and Jay Whittemore

winter, we don't want it" so that is how he feels about it. There are many who feel the same way and many who wish the winter was already here with bells on so they could go skiing. To each his own, as the saying goes. Anyway, glad to see the sun today and hope it warms up some so clothes will dry.

This past week has been busy most

of the time as it is getting nearer and nearer Christmas and I am behind as usual. This bug I have had for the past eight weeks has slowed me down a lot and made me so tired I couldn't think straight.

Monday we didn't do any more than

was necessary as we knew Grange

meeting was that evening and we

were to be sure to do a good job on

the degrees and see others perform

them. Russell and Peggy were called

upon to help out and so was I when we

got there. The West Paris Degree

Team worked the third and fourth

degrees on what candidates got there

and there were quite a few. The can-

didates from Waterford didn't make it

but had some from Bear Mountain

Grange, Lakeside Grange and Rum-

ford Grange to go along with ours. Two

of our candidates were absent, one of

them being in the hospital which

wasn't very nice at all. Hope he is

home and much better by now. The

evening went off well and hopefully the

candidates got a lot out of taking the

degrees. They are now Grange

members and we will try to keep them

busy along with the rest of us. Our next

meeting will be on Dec. 17 and it will

be a Christmas party with the ladies

bringing a gift marked for a lady and

the gents bringing gifts marked for

gents. A program will take place and

hope everyone has fun. We'll do our

best to make it happen.

Went to see Dr. Jealous on Tuesday

early evening to get my back tinkered

and allergy shots. Still not feeling good

but guess that is the way it is to be.

Forgot to mention that we went to

Lawrence and Grace's home Thurs-

day evening for the yearly Christmas

party. I hope I counted right and if I

did there were 35 of us present at the

party. The children were very good

and a pleasure to behold. An early

Christmas but we had a good time.

Russell and Peggy went dancing on

Saturday evening at Locke Mills and

had a good time. I stayed home

and went to bed early as I didn't feel

good but guess that is the way it is to be.

Wednesday was a day for going

out a little as Grace and Lawrence

were having their

Christmas party early and Russell

didn't gotten what he wanted for the

name he drew last year.

I made a pie and some cranberry

sauce in preparation for Thanksgiving

day which was to be at our home and

I got things ready all I could.

Cleaned a little at a time and finally

got ready for the big day.

Thursday morning dawned and a

nice day for anyone who was travel-

ing that day. I had gotten the

car ready the night before and cooked it

some so didn't have to worry about

getting it in the oven too early but got

a good start just the same. I like to

know the old bird is done from the in-

side out. Russell got the squash ready,

also peas, broccoli and other things. It

was a busy forenoon for me but still I

made time to sit down and crochet for

a little.

Bertha Benoit was a caller at the

Lovejoy's this past week.

Jennie Haverinen of South Paris

spent the weekend with Mary's girls.

Beth they had a good time.

Be sure to make a point to come

for the dance Dec. 8 for Kids for

Christmas: a worthwhile cause and a

good time to be had by all.

Dec. 6 is youth night at West Paris

Grange. Be youthful and come and

join in the fun for the Grange meeting.

Take care everyone and have a good

week ahead. Don't get the bug I have

or you won't feel so good.

Newry

By GIL SEELEY

her daughter Betsy and husband Dick Clark. Betsy was high on the singles with one string of 106, also high on the triples heating Karlene by one point. Betsy gets the Pink Elephant who beat the Monster, who is retiring. All went to lunch and did some shopping.

The Newry Community Church is planning on having a Christmas service, the date will be announced later. There will be a program of readings, etc.

A staggering turn of world events is due to erupt in a very short time. It will involve the United States, Britain, Western Europe and the Middle East. Let us hope it will not happen. Let us hope that our leaders will listen to the word of God. Let us pray to God for "Brotherhood." Our Father, in whose consciousness there is neither hate and love and peace and harmony, let us fill our own mind with love, peace and harmony, as we declare now, our belief in you, and in our fellowmen. Help us Father, to make secure this belief in our mind, to make it so much a part of us that we begin living it in our daily contact with our universal brothers.

Grant that there be given us the tolerance and understanding and forgiveness the mind full of their failings, ever mindful too of our own failings. Strengthen therefore our belief in you and in our fellowmen, in one humanity, one common freedom of thought and expression, established among all races and nations in one world of unity and cooperation, in one purpose, mutual love and understanding, so that we may all attain the one great goal in life: universal peace and happiness. Amen."

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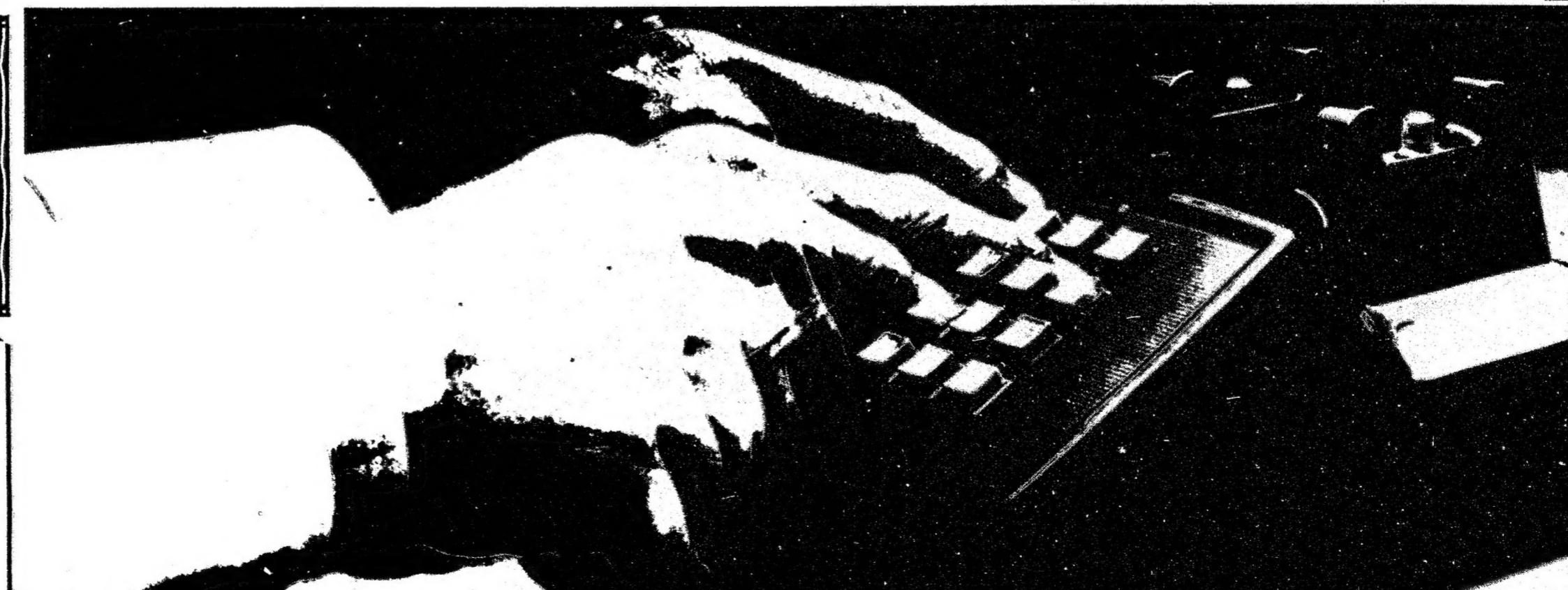
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Marty Donovan helps his mom, Pat, with her shopping, while Robin Zinchuk, left, watches over the Christmas dolls.

Photos by Jeanne Boelsma



Mary Valentine tends the Cookie Walk.



Monique Bailey with pine cone baskets.



A spot of tea, for Sarah Gambol and Tressa and Nicholas Wendell.

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Bethel board

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between the various towns were too small to warrant charging for. "I don't see how with roughly comparable departments with roughly comparable equipment you can charge," he said.

Town Clerk Merton Brown also noted that in some respects the Greenwood department is superior to the Bethel department, and if the towns started charging each other Bethel could end up paying an availability fee to Greenwood.

In the end, Jodrey voted against dropping the availability fee to Newry, but Thursday and selectmen Henry Dombovski and Art Gilbert voted to eliminate it.

During the discussion, Chief Young said the fee had served a good purpose, if only because it spurred Newry on to develop its own department.

The selectmen also voted to have the town attorney and town manager look further into the implications of establishing formal, written mutual aid agreements with neighboring towns.

The town manager will also attempt to clarify the wording of a proposed hazardous-materials mutual aid agreement with the Rumford Fire Department.

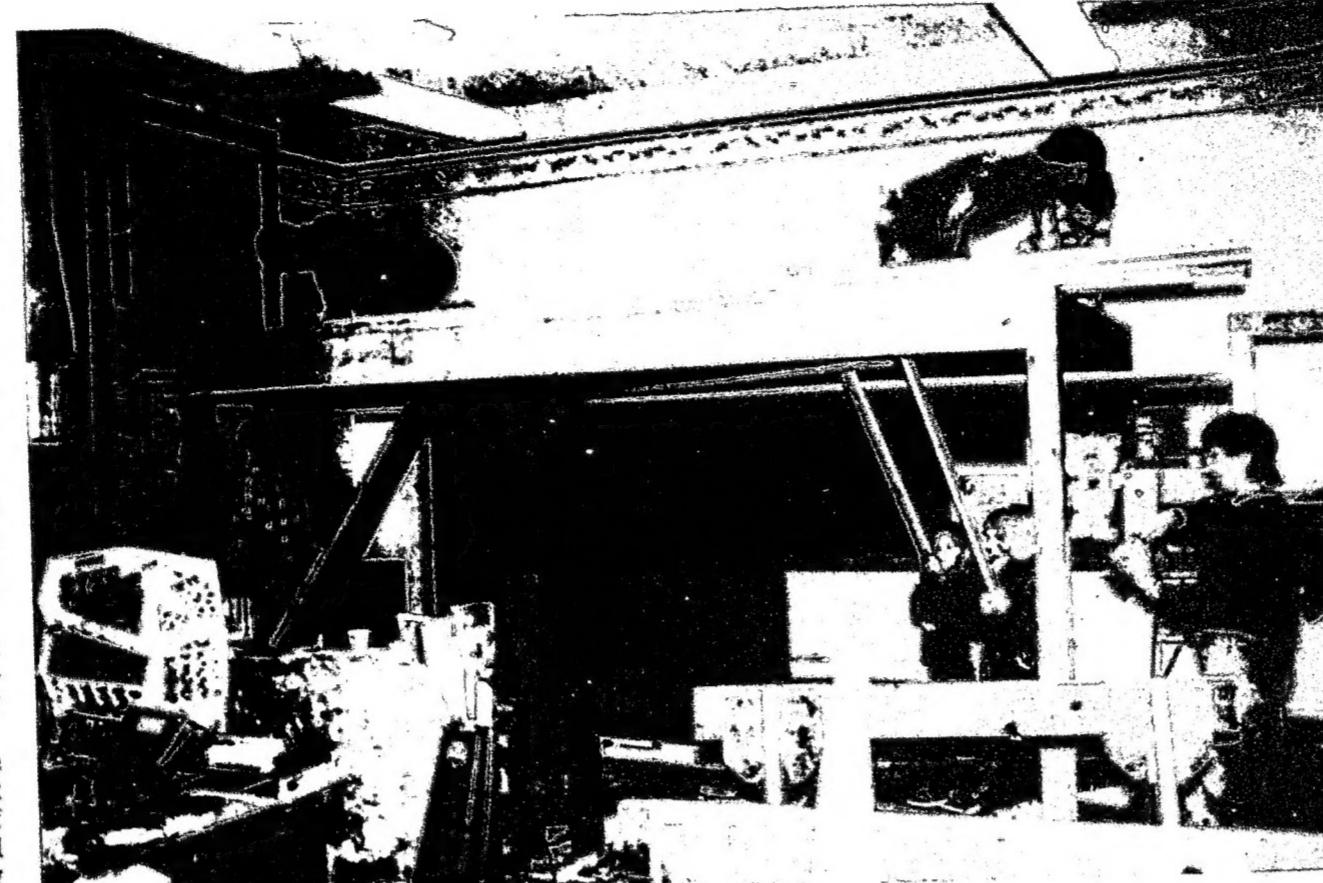
In other matters Monday evening the board acknowledged the receipt of a request from the town planning board that its members be paid a small stipend.

The selectmen, however, refused to act on the request. Jodrey said the selectmen's action was "a polite way of saying we're not interested," in paying the planning board members.

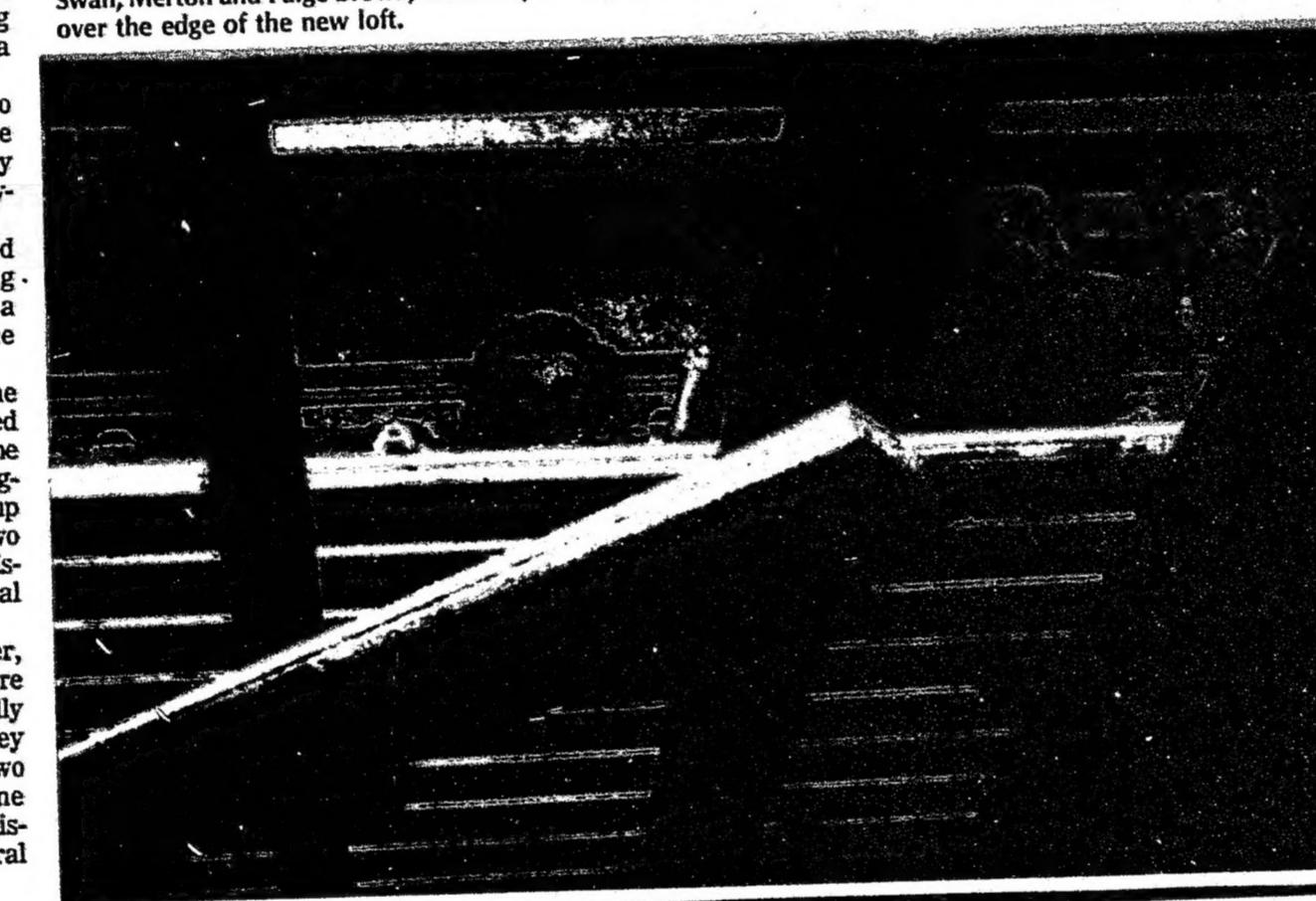
The selectmen also acknowledged receipt of a letter from the planning board suggesting the formation of a Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Subcommittee.

The selectmen agreed to have the committee set up, but they changed the make-up from that proposed by the planning board. The planners suggested the subcommittee be made up of two planning board members, two members of the conservation commission and two members of the general public.

The selectmen argued, however, that the subcommittee should be more representative of the public, especially of landowners along the river. They authorized a board made up of two planning board members, one member of the conservation commission and six members of the general public.



LOFTY PROJECT—Second-graders in Judy Coolidge's classroom at the Ethel Bisbee School now have a quite place to get away from it all—and work on those million minutes of reading. Over the weekend parents and friends helped construct a reading loft for the classroom, made from donated materials. Shown here at work on the project are, from left, Jeff Parsons, Mike and Brian Swan and Thomas Parsons and Judy Coolidge, all downstairs; and Jim Young, Cary and Justin Wight upstairs. Other helpers for the weekend project included: Patty and Emily Parsons, Jim and Alex Johnson, Arland and Jody Littlefield, Glen, Cheryl, Naomi, and Eli Young, Nancy Young, Jim, Bion and Mike Merton, and Paige Brown, and many more parents who kept the workers well fed. Below—Justin Wight peeks over the edge of the new loft.

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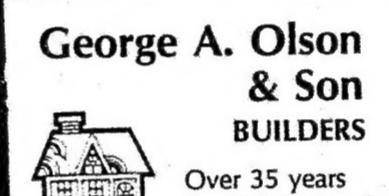
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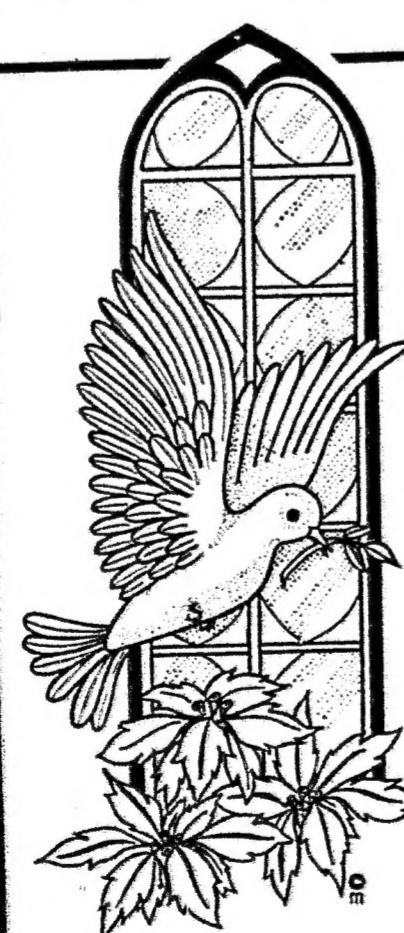
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Monday, Dec. 17: Family Night Supper, West Parish Congregational Church (held at Gehring Hall dining room), 6 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 23: Christmas Pageant: A Lamb's Christmas, Bethel United Methodist Church, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service with carols, readings and bells, West Parish Congregational Church, 7 p.m. Worship service with communion, 11 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Bethel United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Second session of Residential Energy Conservation Workshop, SAD #44, 6:30-9:30 p.m. To register call 824-2780.

Thursday, Dec. 6: Bethel Historical Society, Christmas with the Masons, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 7: Tree lighting ceremony, Bryant Pond, on the common, 6:30 p.m. Carols followed by cookies with Santa at the Woodstock school.

Saturday, Dec. 8: LA ARTS presents the Paul Winter Consort at 8 p.m. at SS. Peter & Paul Church in Lewiston.

Bean and Casserole Supper, Bethel Methodist Church, 5 and 6 p.m.

Auction to benefit Telstar Regional High School Outward Bound Program, at the school, 10 a.m.

Christmas for Kids Dance at West Paris Garage Hall, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 9: A Community Sing of Handel's Messiah, sponsored by Mahoosuc Arts Council, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel, 7 p.m.

Community Christmas Party at Albany Church, potluck supper, program and tree, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 11: Oxford County Republican Committee will meet at the First Hall, South Paris, 6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. supper.

Wednesday, Dec. 12: Public-access television meeting, Telstar Regional High School, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15: Christmas

Carol sing-along, United Baptist Church, Lewiston, 2 p.m., an AL Arts event sponsored by Shop 'n Save supermarkets and Sun-Journal Sunday.

Tuesday, Dec. 18: Cross Country Quilters' Christmas Meeting at Bethel Library 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Andover Library Hours: Tuesdays, 1:00-3:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4941.

Bethel Library: hours: Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1:5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:5 p.m., 6-8 p.m.; Thursday, 15 p.m.; preschool story hour, 10:15 a.m.; Friday, 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10:15 a.m. Betsy Raymond, Librarian.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond; Tel. 665-2605. Library hours: Tuesday and Friday, 1:30 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill; hours: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10:2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Telephone: 743-2990.

West Paris Library, West Paris; hours: Monday-Friday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover; hours: Wednesday, 10:12 through July and August, Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

REACH — Sexual Abuse Helpline, 743-9771. Serving victims of sexual abuse—past or present. 24-hour service in Oxford County.

AA Meetings at Bethel First Station: Sunday 6-7:30 p.m., Big Book: Tuesday 7-8:30 p.m., Women's Discussion; Friday 7:30-8 p.m., Step 12x12.

Every Wednesday: Gilead Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

First Monday of Each Month: Purdy Chapter #102, OES, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15: Christmas

Sons of American Legion, 7:30 p.m., Jackson-Silver Post #68, American Legion, Locke Mills.

Woodstock Planning Board meets at the Town Office.

Second Wednesday of Each Month: La Leche League meets in area members' homes. Call 836-3367 for more information.

Every Thursday: West Paris Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

First Thursday of Each Month: Upon Board of Selectmen meets, 6 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Snow Twisters, meet at Casco Bank, 7 p.m., fall and winter months.

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Second and Fourth Monday of Each Month: SAD #44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover.

First Wednesday of Each Month: Woodstock Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

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Art Marshall is new Mahoosuc Arts chair

On Wednesday, Nov. 28, the Mahoosuc Arts Council officially nominated and appointed Art Marshall as chair of the Council's Board of Directors.

Marshall replaces Joan T. Wiese who resigned from the board earlier this fall after serving for the past two years.

The executive directors, Marguerite Graham and Vicki Rackliffe, commented that the council has been fortunate in finding people with special talents to lead the board as it has grown and emerged into an independent organization.

Mary Gillies, the first official chair of the council helped the board develop a sound organizational base. Wiese contributed her strengths as a facilitator and counselor in order to implement and improve board development. Art Marshall joins the Arts Council with a strong background in business administration at a time of challenge for all non-profit organizations.

In other board business, Wende Gray, chair of the Fundraising Committee, reported that the Council's successful fall fundrasing efforts are unique in this year of a struggling economy.

To our Family & Many Friends

We thank you so much for the many nice things that happened to us on our 70th Anniversary Nov. 25. Thanks to the Jackson-Silver Post for the hall; the ladies Auxiliary for a special cake, and to everyone who furnished food and drink for the approximately 165 guests. The flowers were appreciated from Connecticut, as were the violin solos by Lella Taylor from Rockland; the duets by Rev. and Mrs. Roland Lord and all our musical family who came and joined Cleveland Lovejoy at the Lowery organ; the choir from the Church of the Nativity, who sang a special hymn for Mr. Cummings.

Our daughter Cathryn and the four granddaughters did our life story in music and song. The grandsons helped in many ways, even making the concessions. To close the program, nephew Rev. Lloyd Waterhouse gave a short prayer. May God bless each one.

Alanson & Fannie Cummings

The council has raised 75 percent of its proposed budget for fiscal year 1990-91, and she feels that is due in part to the reputation the Arts Council now has for bringing quality programs in the arts to this area of Western Maine.

The last 1990 program is scheduled for Sunday Dec. 9 when Jonathan Smith will direct a community Messiah Sing at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. The program will begin at 4 p.m. An optional rehearsal will take place in the afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m., and refreshments will be served following the rehearsal. There will be no charge for this program; however donations will be accepted.

For more information on this or any other Mahoosuc Arts programs, please call the Mahoosuc Arts office at 824-3575.

West Parish church offers homemade pies

In an effort to raise money for the West Parish Congregational Church Renovation Fund, members of the congregation have prepared numerous homemade pies which are being offered for sale throughout the winter season.

These homemade pies are delivered frozen to homes within a 20-mile radius of Bethel.

To order an eight-inch blueberry, mincemeat, apple or pumpkin pie, please contact Debra Michaud at 824-2306 or Leslie Cooley at 824-3326. Pies are \$6 and are baked upon request. Please allow 24 hours notice.

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Dining & Entertainment

The Mahoosuc Arts Council presents a**Messiah Sing**

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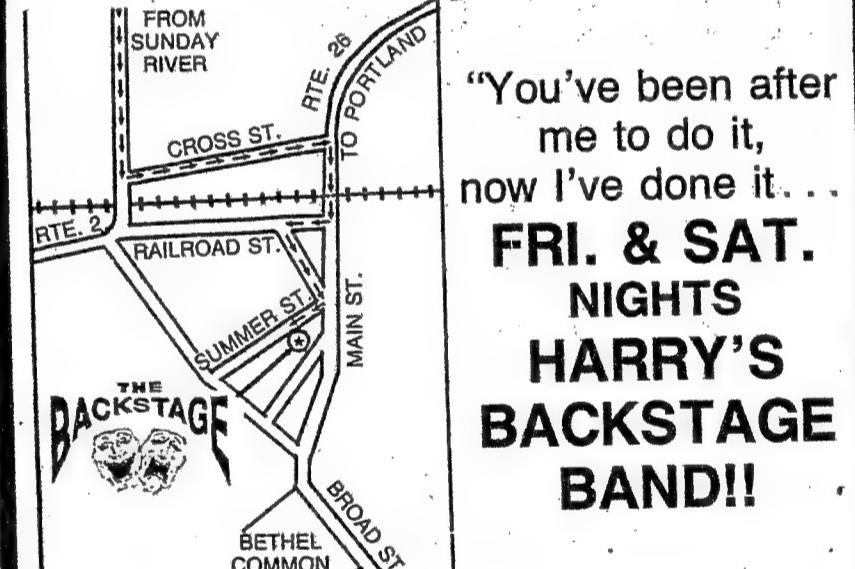
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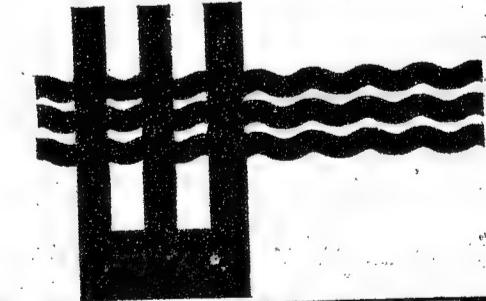
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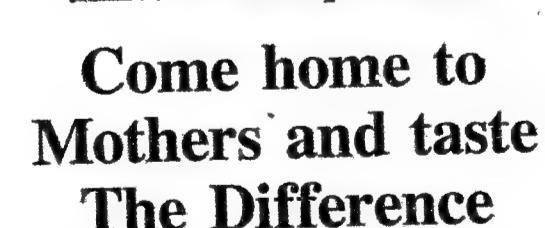
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Wednesday, December 5, 1990

THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 6, 1990

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Cheers	M'A'S'H						Hogan	M'A'S'H	Newhart	
(4) Rendezvous	Monitor	AC Clarke	Terra X	Beyond 2000		Adventure	Diving	Survival!		
(5) Movie: "Villa Rides!"					Clarence	700 Club		Scarecr.-King		
(6) Cosby	On Line	Cosby	Dit. World	Cheers	Grand	L.A. Law	News	Tonight		
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Father Dowling	Gabriel's Fire	Primerime Live		News	Nightline			
(10) MacNeil/Lehrer	Mystery!			Mystery!		Stress	Fields			
(11) E.N.G.	L.A. Law			Movie: "Home for Christmas"		Ultman	Molly Dodd			
(12) VideoPM Cont'd	Mus. Shop	On Stage	Nashville Now		Crook	Mus. Shop	On Stage			
(13) Challenger	Cur. Affair	Top Cops	Flash		Doctor	Knots Landing	News	America		
(14) Inside Golf	NHL Hockey	Buffalo Sabres at Philadelphia Flyers		Sports	Football	Kickboxing				
(17D) Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live	Evening News		Moneyline	Sports			
(18E) Movie: "Dream a Little Dream"				Movie: "Cage"		Movie: "Fast Food"				
(20G) Bruins	NHL Hockey	Montreal Canadiens at Boston Bruins		Boxing	Fight Night at the Forum					
(21H) College Basketball	Villanova vs. Wake Forest	College Basketball	Connecticut vs. North Carolina				SportsCtr.			
(22I) Hap. Days	Jeffersons	Perry Mason: America's Lawyer								
(23J) Entrepr.	Profiles	MoneyTalk	Focus	Business	Insiders	Entrepr.	Profiles	Lifestyle	Focus	
(24K) In. Gadget	Looney	Mister Ed	Bewitched	Gr. Acres	Donna R.	Best/SNL	2Night	Hitchcock	Patty Duke	
(26M) MacGyver	Murder, She Wrote			Movie: "Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less"		Miami Vice				
(27N) Survival	Battle Line	World Seas		Movie: "An Indecent Obsession"		Brian Robbins				
(28P) "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen" Cont'd				Movie: "Family Business"		Inside the NFL				
(31R) Bedknobs-Broom	Movie: "A Hobo's Christmas"			Movie: "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral"						
(32S) Comedy	Boss?	Perry Mason: The Case of the Murdered Madam		News	50 Years	Comedy				
(34U) Jeannie	Night Court	Movie: "Christmas in Connecticut"		News	Night Court	Ghost				

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 7, 1990

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Cheers	M'A'S'H					Hogan	M'A'S'H	Newhart		
(4) Rendezvous	Monitor	Wild Things	Carriers	Firepower	Crime Inc.	Monkeys	Wildlife			
(5) Big Jake	Mansion	Movie: "War Arrow"			700 Club	Bordertown	Zorro			
(6) Cosby	Night Court	Quantum Leap	Night Court	Wings	NBC News Special	News	Tonight			
(10) MacNeil/Lehrer	Wash. Wk.	Wall St.	Race to Save the Planet	Race to Save the Planet	"Stage Door Canteen"	Six Ladies Laughing				
(11) E.N.G.	Martha Stewart	Movie: "Christmas Comes to Willow Creek"								
(12) VideoPM Cont'd	Texas	On Stage	Nashville Now	Crook	Texas	On Stage				
(13) Challenger	Cur. Affair	NBA Basketball	Boston Celtics at Dallas Mavericks	Claymation	News	America				
(14) Football	NHL Hockey	Hartford Whalers at Buffalo Sabres		Sports	NHL Hockey					
(17D) Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live	Evening News	Moneyline	Sports				
(18E) Movie: "Dakota" Cont'd	Movie: "Ninja Academy"		Movie: "Look Who's Talking"		Hollywood Hot Tubs 2					
(20G) College Hockey	RPI at New Hampshire		PGA Hall of Fame	Boat Race	Biathlon					
(21H) SportsCtr.	Ski World	Skiing: U.S. Men's Pro Tour		NASCAR Awards	SpeedWk.	SportsCtr.				
(22I) Hap. Days	Jeffersons	"Perry Mason: The Case of the Notorious Nun"	Abortion	Movie: "Ironside"						
(23J) Entrepr.	Profiles	MoneyTalk	Focus	Business	Insiders	Entrepr.	Profiles	Lifestyle	Focus	
(24K) In. Gadget	Looney	Mister Ed	Bewitched	Gr. Acres	Donna R.	Best/SNL	2Night	Hitchcock	Patty Duke	
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(27N) Survival	Battle Line	Sacrifice at Pearl Harbor	Heroes	Inside Track	Lyle Alzado					
(29P) Ghost, II	Godfather	Movie: "Lethal Weapon 2"		Movie: "Tequila Sunrise"						
(31R) Movie: "Wee Willie Winkie"		Movie: "Mary Poppins"			Cleopatra					
(32S) Comedy	Boss?	Owen Marshall	Switch	News	Cinema	Comedy				
(34U) Jeannie	Night Court	Movie: "The Bishop's Wife"		News	Night Court	Eschewed				

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 8, 1990

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Dragnet	Adam-12	NHL Hockey	Boston Bruins at Montreal Canadiens		Movie: "Strategic Air Command"					
(4) America Coast to Coast	Challenge	Wings	Vietnam		TDC-TV					
(5) Rin Tin Tin	Stallion	Movie: "Duel"		Dirty Dozen: The Series	Mansion	Videosync.				
(6) College Hockey	Maine at Lowell			Carol	Dreamer	News	Sat. Night			
(8) Boss?	Boss?	Young Riders	China Beach	Twin Peaks		Big Break				
(10) Roger Whittaker	Kenny Rogers in Concert: Holiday Special		Doctor Who							
(11) "Doubletake" Cont'd	Movie: "Doubletake"		Christmas in America	L.A. Law						
(12) Cry. Beat	Cry Music	Church St.	GrandOpry	Barb. Mandrell	Mus. Shop	Texas	Church St.	GrandOpry		
(13) Weekend	Claymation	Bugs Bun.	NBA Basketball	Boston Celtics at San Antonio Spurs		News	Dallas			
(14) Horse	NHL Hockey	Pittsburgh Penguins at Hartford Whalers		Sports	College Basketball					
(17D) Capital	Sports Sat.	PrimeNews	Showbiz	Future	Evening News	Capital	Sports			
(18E) Movie: "Crusoe" Cont'd	Movie: "Triumph of the Spirit"		Movie: "The Blue Lagoon"							
(20G) Senior League Baseball	Ft. Myers Sun Sox at San Bernardino Pride		College Basketball	E. Tenn. St. at J. Madison						
(21H) SportsCtr.	College Basketball	Kansas at Kentucky		College Basketball: Arkansas at Missouri		SportsCtr.				
(22I) Championship Wrestling	NBA Basketball	New York Knicks at Atlanta Hawks		U.S. Olympic Gold						
(23J) Sports Newsweek	Sports Newsweek			Sports Latenight						
(24K) In. Gadget	Looney	Early Days	Gr. Acres	Donna R.	Best/SNL	2Night	Hitchcock			
(26M) Counterstrike	Movie: "Party Line"		Hitchhiker		Hitchcock	Hot Times				
(27N) All Creatures	Movie: "The Lighthorsemen"			Improv	Dick Cavett					
(29P) Movie: "Twins" Cont'd	Movie: "Batman"		Boxing Doubleheader							
(31R) Movie: "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?"		Back to Hannibal: The Return of Tom Sawyer	23 Paces-Baker							
(32S) Newsweek	Comedy	Movie: "Black Narcissus"		News	Bachelor	Howard Stern				
(34U) Hangin' In	Fortune	College Basketball: First Chicago Classic		News	H'mooner	Externl. II				

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Planning board

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Planning Board Assistant Stacy Benjamin offered to go through a checklist with Cloutier after the meeting and he could return for the Dec. 12 board meeting for a go-ahead on the project.

Code Enforcement Officer Sam Timberlake stated that the site of the apartment did have a few plumbing problems and told Cloutier to meet with him about them.

Doyon said, "You can go ahead, but just know that if you don't conform to the site plan you have to rip it out. Proceed at your own risk."

The Bethel Water Department was granted permission by the board to build a small building for automatic testing equipment for the town drinking water. The property they decided to use is by the GAMM II building and belongs to the Riverside Cemetery Association. The Water Department has to test the water for public safety at a certain distance from where the chlorine is injected.

As this was a matter of public safety the 5-by-7-foot building was permitted and all ordinances waved.

The final matter reviewed at last week's meeting was institutional parking requirements. Benjamin said she had heard that Crescent Park School would be increasing in size, taking students who now attend Ethel Bisbee School, which would close. She said if this occurs the need for parent parking as well as employee parking will need to be considered. She also said the Bethel Alliance Church would be expanding and guidelines had to be set for all schools, churches and institutions.

Benjamin will make recommendations to present to the board for approval Dec. 12.

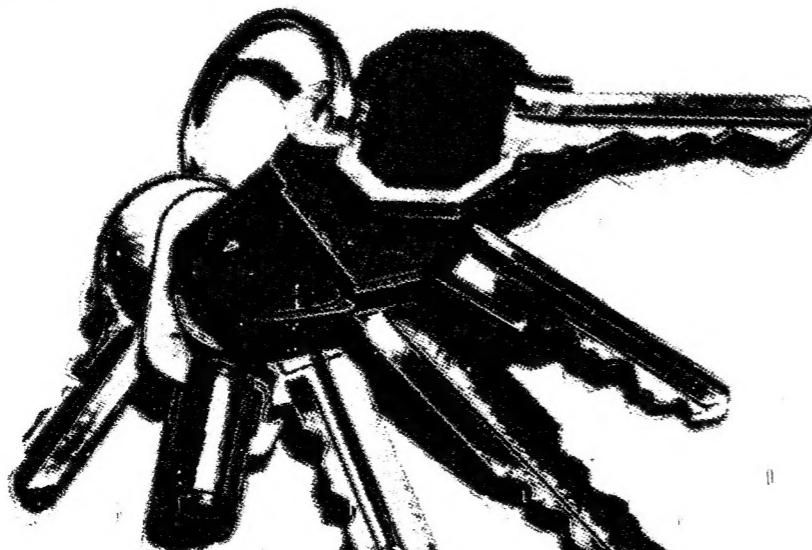
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The third Thursday on November was the day observed as The Great American Smokeout. As this has passed, we would first like to congratulate those who took this step. The first few weeks to months may be hard but will, in long run, be worth it.

For those who let the day go by again this year, maybe feeling like they cannot succeed, stay true or having failed previous attempts to quit, we would ask you to reconsider. Think about significantly lowering your risk of morbidity or premature death from cancer, heart disease, ulcers or chronic lung disease. Think about the money you could save by not buying cigarettes and reducing the costs of medicine from bouts of bronchitis and sinus infections this and future winters.

Consider, too, the costs your family pays for your habit. Children who live where others smoke are more prone to respiratory problems and infections. Recent medical studies also indicate that exposure to significant amounts of smoke in childhood may lead to a higher rate of lung cancer as adults than those people

raised in homes without smoke. Now about quitting. There are many methods people use to help them "break the habit." Smoker's groups will be offered again soon in Bethel. Literature giving helpful hints and programs are available at Bethel Area Health Center at no cost. Nicotine chewing gum used in a medically supervised program has benefited motivated individuals who have had difficulty with nicotine withdrawal. Others have found help in hypnosis or addiction based therapy available through mental health professionals.

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Friends join Cummings for their 70th anniversary

By WENDY D. HANSCOM

Alanson and Fannie Cummings received over 100 letters of congratulations, including greetings from the governor and the president, and entertained 165 guests in celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary last week.

The Cummings were the first couple married in the Universalist Church in West Paris. They were married Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day, 1920.

Family and friends gathered last week at the Jackson Silver Legion Post in Locke Mills to honor the Cummings. Entertainment was provided for the guests by violinist Lelia Taylor from Rockland, the Nazarene Church Chorus, an impromptu band of friends and relatives.

Attending the festivities were Fannie's maid of honor Ellen Bennett, of West Paris and Olive Davis, the widow of Alanson's best man, Ellis Davis.

The Cummings' grandchildren decorated the hall and the ladies legion auxiliary furnished the anniversary cake.

Alanson recited the following poem

to Fannie and their guests.

"The whistle it is blowing life's fast moving train, only a few more stations in the valley remain, until we reach our home eternal with its glories all untold, and stop at the best station in that city built of gold."

PFC BLAKE AT SCHOOL

Private First Class Jamie M. Blake has been stationed in Twenty-nine Palms, Calif. at the Marine Corps Communications-Electronics School for training in electronics.

The school is located in the Mojave Desert region of southern California approximately 50 miles northeast of Palm Springs.

After completion of this highly complex level of electronics training, he will be transferred to a permanent duty station to apply these new skills.

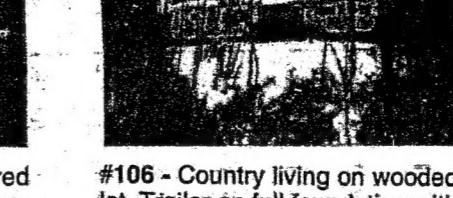
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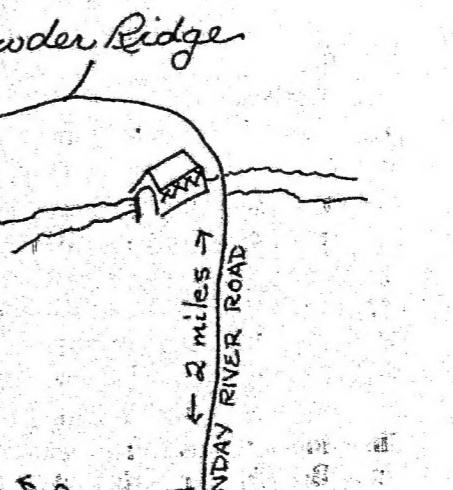
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Obituaries

MAURICE G. BROOKS

Maurice G. Brooks, 70, died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1990, at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway.

He was born at Bethel on May 11, 1920, the son of Clyde Brooks and Florence Parker. He was educated in the Bethel area and graduated from Gould Academy. He worked as a cook at the Bethel Inn and Gould Academy. He lived in Bethel most of his life.

Survivors include three sons, Maurice M. Brooks of Popham Beach, Norton Brooks of Hanover and Clyde Brooks of Bethel; a brother, Kenneth Brooks of Bethel; three sisters, Kathy Hanscom, Gailey Wheeler and Dolores Williams, all of Bethel; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by a sister, Violet Chretien and a brother, Rodney.

Funeral services were held Nov. 8 with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Bethel.

HAZEL C. LINNELL

Hazel C. Linnell, 92, of Rumford died Monday, Nov. 26, 1990, at her residence in Rumford where she lived all her life.

She was born at Woodstock, the daughter of Alton E. and Lillian Bean Coffin. She married the late Raleigh W. Linnell, who died in Tampa, Fla., Dec. 11, 1963. She graduated from Woodstock High School and Farmington Normal School. She taught school in Magalloway, Dixfield, Peru and Rumford Center; was a rural helping teacher for many years and also had owned and operated with her husband Raleigh the Puro Ice Co. and also the Mount Zircon Motel in Rumford and had helped her husband when he owned the Rumford Motor Sales.

Mrs. Linnell was a member of Virgin Memorial Chapel of the United Methodist Church and formerly active in the Dorcas Society of the church; and was a former member of Oxford County Retired Teacher's Association; and Life member of the Woodstock Senior Citizens; and Oxford County Retired Teachers Club.

Mrs. Linnell is survived by nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Meader and Son Funeral Home, Rumford, on Nov. 28, by Rev. Linda Shevin, pastor of the Rumford United Methodist Church, with interment at Abbotts Mills Cemetery in Rumford.

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IRIS "BILLIE" FARWELL

Iris W. "Billie" Farwell, 68, of Wilmington, Vt. died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1990, at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, Bennington, Vt., following a brief illness.

She is survived by a daughter, Marlene Marshall of West Bethel; a brother, Merle Lurvey of Locke Mills; three step-daughters, Mrs. Gerald (Virginia) Johnson and Colleen Pinette both of Bryant Pond² and Mrs. Kiehl (Carolyn) Bennett of Mechanic Falls; step-son, Roger Tibbets of Norway; 10 step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held today, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. at the Locke Mills Union Church. There are no visiting hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Locke Mills Union Church Choir, c/o Margery Swan, P.O. Box, Locke Mills, Me., 04255. Arrangements by the Andrews Funeral Home, South Woodstock.

CONSUELO Z. ALGER

Announcement is made of the death of Consuelo Z. Alger, 76, in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Thursday, Nov. 29, 1990. A full obituary will appear in a later edition of this newspaper.

CARD OF THANKS
We would like to thank the Telstar National Honor Society for hosting the 8th Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner. We greatly appreciated the dinner, gifts and music.

Muriel Faudi
Bethel Senior Citizens

SINCERE THANKS
The family of Christine Kimball wants to express their appreciation to all our friends, neighbors and relatives for all the cards and caring during our mother's illness and during our recent loss.

Special thanks to Dr. Robert Story who was there when we needed him and to the Androscoggin Home Health during the final week of her illness.

Also special thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Norman Rust for the many visits, prayers, and the beautiful memorial service.

Thanks also to the Ladies Circle for all help following the memorial service. All was very much appreciated.

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Births

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blake are pleased to announce the birth of a grandson, Ethan Everett, born Sept. 21, at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth.

Proud parents are Peter and Katherine Blake of Trenton. Ethan joins a brother, William James.

Angela Mae Hebert of Bryant Pond is pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Alex Joseph Hebert, born on Nov. 23 at 9:38 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 lbs, 3 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Pamela Hebert of Bryant Pond.

Corey and Lisa Vail of Newry are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Aaron Christopher Vail, born on Nov. 14 at 5:19 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 lbs, 9 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Veronica P. Smith and Larry J. Boylan of Narragansett, R.I.

Paternal grandparents are Patricia and Conrad Monk of Waldoboro.

Aaron joins two sisters, Emily and Hannah Vail, 15 months old.

Laura Cox of Bethel is pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Kalinda Marie Cox, born on Nov. 22 at Central Maine Medical Center.

Maternal grandparents are Cindy Cox of Bethel and Richard Cox of Norway. Maternal great-grandparents are Ruth Cox of Rumford and Leeland Coolidge of Bethel and Louise Coolidge of Canton.

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